

# THE LEGISLATURE State of Hawaii

#### **Announces**

# FREE WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS AT STATE CAPITOL

To promote public access and provide greater convenience to those who track Hawaii's state legislative process, wireless Internet services are now provided to Capitol building visitors as of **Wednesday**, **April 12**, **2006**. Most wireless devices will automatically detect if their users are within the broadcast area.

Free wireless Internet connectivity for the public will be available in the following Capitol building areas:

- House & Senate conference rooms.
- Capitol Auditorium.
- Central corridors along railings on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> floors.
- Public Access Room (Room 401).
- Chamber hallway fronting the Auditorium, Room 016, and the Print shops.

# **Necessary Equipment and Software**

You will need any WiFi laptop or notebook computer or PDA that is equipped with:

- A wireless network card that is 802.11b compliant;
- Software to support the wireless network card; and
- An Internet browser.

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#### **How to Connect**

Make sure your wireless software and network card is installed properly before you turn on your computer. Most devices with wireless network capability should detect and enable your access automatically. (While most computers wireless network configurations are similar at a basic level, the endless possibilities that comprise the settings and connection procedures on the various computers and PDAs make offering more specific connection directions difficult.)

Once you have established a connection to the wireless network, use your wireless network connection icon to view the available wireless networks. Choose the "HISTATELEG" wireless network to begin browsing the Internet. If you do not see "HISTATELEG," then you need to move to a location that is within the range of an Access Point (the devices that provide the wireless connections) in one of the areas listed above.

# **Technical Problems**

The Legislature does not offer any technical assistance to guests choosing to use the Capitol wireless system. It is strongly suggested that you become familiar with your software and equipment prior to visiting the Capitol building and logon.

It should be noted that the signals for the devices that provide the wireless connections operate optimally when there is an unobstructed path between these devices and a wireless access point, i.e., a "line-of-sight" path will provide the strongest signals. There is no guarantee that signals would be accessible other than in those specific areas listed above.

If you cannot connect to our network, try elsewhere in the building or ask someone near you if they are having any problems. If you cannot get connected in any of the other areas with wireless service or if no one else around you is having problems, then contact your wireless equipment vendor for support.

## **Security & Privacy Concerns**

The use of this service constitutes agreement that the Hawaii State Legislature is not liable or responsible for any damages resulting from use of this service including, but not limited to, viruses, spyware, e-mail fraud, identity theft, or other injury or computer-related threats. Therefore, make sure that your antivirus and firewall software is activated and up-to-date.

This Internet access is not secure. We have chosen not to implement any encryption to make it simpler for you to access and to improve the overall performance. It's always a good idea to be on an encrypted page to send and receive confidential data.

# **User Guidelines & Prohibitions**

When using wireless services, guests should:

- Abide by and conform their uses to all federal and State laws, rules, and regulations;
- Respect the privacy of others and not intentionally represent themselves as another user, unless expressly authorized to do so;
- Respect the integrity of other public or private network systems; and
- Engage in uses consistent with acceptable user community standards.

**Note:** While these guidelines allude to certain types of uses that are not appropriate, the points raised do not necessarily encompass all possible inappropriate uses.